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***-ADVISORY-  
GOVERNOR TO DELIVER OPENING REMARKS AT  
THE SOUTHWEST HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE***

Governor Janet Napolitano will deliver welcoming remarks at the *Southwest Homeland Security Conference*. The two-day conference, April 18-19, will be the first ever gathering of homeland security and emergency management officials from the seven southwestern states dedicated to discussing common homeland security issues.

Hosted by the Arizona Office of Homeland Security, the conference will bring together homeland security directors, first responders, emergency managers and other public safety officials representing Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah. Presentations and panel discussions will focus on the theme of the conference, "Securing the Southwest – Together".

"Since neither terrorists nor natural disasters recognize state boundaries, we must be prepared to work together in preparedness and response efforts," said Governor Napolitano. "It is critical to share best practices, learn from each other and build partnerships so we can collaborate in our homeland security efforts."

The two-day conference will include presentations on border security, homeland security efforts across state boundaries, catastrophic preparedness, and the Native American community and homeland security. Full conference agenda and additional details on the *Southwest Homeland Security Conference* are available at [www.swhomelandsecurity.com](http://www.swhomelandsecurity.com).

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 18  
**TIME:** 9 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Phoenix Civic Plaza  
South Lobby (Lobby 2), Hall E  
111 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

There will be a media sign in table just outside the hall.